

# **Washington State Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Meeting**

8:30am to 3:30pm  
October 9th, 2004  
Port of Benton  
3100 George Washington Way  
Richland, WA

## **Meeting Summary**

### **Attendance**

#### **BPAC Citizen Members:**

Mark Semrau, Chair – Northwest Region  
Todd Smith, Vice- North Central Region  
Pamela Arora – Northwest Region  
David McCulloch – Olympic Region  
Joseph Johnson – Eastern Region  
John Moffat – South Central Region  
David Levinger – Statewide Pedestrian Representative  
Jennifer Campos – Southwest Region  
Barbara Culp – Statewide Bicycle Representative  
Liz McNett-Crowl – Northwest Region  
Greg Pezoldt - County Government Representative

#### **Members of the Public:**

#### **BPAC Ex Officio Members:**

Faye Jenkins-Edwards, WSDOT Southwest Region  
Donna Storeide, WSDOT South Central Region  
Barbara Briggs, WSDOT Northwest Region  
Renee Zimmerman, WSDOT Urban Planning Office  
Matt Wisen, WSDOT North Central Region  
Jana Augenstine, WSDOT Eastern Region

#### **WSDOT Committee Staff:**

Paula Reeves, Local Planner

#### **Speakers:**

Carol Moser, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Richland  
Dave Olson, WSDOT Design Office  
Moe Davari, WSDOT South Central Region, SR 240 Project Manager

### **Introductions**

Mark Semrau called the meeting to order at 8:35 am, and introduced Carol Moser, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Richland. She talked to the committee about some successes and challenges for improving bicycling and walking in her community. She told the group about the upcoming Smart Growth Meeting being held in Richland on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004. To learn more about the details of this conference, contact the Benton Franklin Council of Governments at (509) 943-9185. Ms. Moser also provided some comments and discussion on WSDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan.

## Approval of Meeting Summary from Prior Meeting

Next, the committee approved the April 2004 Meeting Summary with several corrections.

## Public Comment

David McCulloch updated the committee on the status of the WSDOT events policy and their work with several bicycle clubs to develop a guide for bicycle event organizers. David made a motion to formally ask the Bicycle and Pedestrian Program staff to develop this guide and seek necessary approval to make it a WSDOT policy. Barbara Culp seconded the motion and the motion carried. This issue will be discussed as an agenda item at the next BPAC Meeting.

## Region Updates - All

Each citizen and Region representative had an opportunity to highlight several bike and/or pedestrian projects in their regions.

During David Levinger's update, David updated the group on the State Route 520 Environmental Impact Statement and its apparent exclusion of a pedestrian and bicycle connection to the Madison Park area. John Moffat made a motion to send a letter to WSDOT from the BPAC urging the department to include a bicycle and pedestrian path between State Route 520 and the Madison Park area in the *State Route 520 Environmental Impact Statement*. He sighted the Arboretum and Foster Island Swap as two environmentally sensitive areas that should be preserved rather than impacted by adding more highway lanes through the area. He pointed out that the resulting State Route 520 structure will be in place for more than the next 20 years and should be designed with this in mind. Barbara Culp seconded the motion and the motion carried.

All of the reports distributed at the meeting are available as separate pages. Contact Paula Reeves at 360-705-7258 or [Reevesp@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:Reevesp@wsdot.wa.gov) to receive copies.



In addition, the committee heard a presentation from Moe Davari, WSDOT's SR 240 Project Manager. He outlined a number of improvements being made as part of this highway capacity project that better accommodate bicycles and pedestrians. He explained that when the corridor is completed, there will be three lanes in each direction on SR 240 from Stevens Drive to Columbia Center Boulevard, and discussed the pedestrian/bicycle corridor that will be

lengthened, completing another link in the Columbia River Loop Trail system.

Several committee members asked design questions related to the round about and made suggestions for public outreach.

For additional information about the State Route 240 project, please visit WSDOT's website: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR240TriCitiesAddLanes>

## **WSDOT Design Office Update** – *Dave Olson, WSDOT's Design Office*

Dave Olson updated the committee on the status of shoulder rumble strip installations on undivided highways. He reported that since the policy was implemented over a year ago, only five miles of rumbles have been installed statewide. The committee generally agreed that WSDOT has been following the process and the policy across the state.

Dave then discussed the work WSDOT's Design Office is doing on Context Sensitive Solutions. He explained that WSDOT has two resources available: one deals primarily with process and the second, in development by Dave's staff, deals with design. For a copy of Dave's Context Sensitive Solutions presentation, contact him at 360-705-7952 or email him at [olsonda@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:olsonda@wsdot.wa.gov).

## **WSDOT's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan** - *All*

Barbara Culp, Paula Reeves and Renee Zimmerman Paula discussed the draft plan language developed by the sub-committee appointed that the April 2004 BPAC Meeting. The full committee walked through the draft language and made a number of changes. Key discussion items included:

- **How does this plan fit into Washington's Transportation Plan (WTP) ?** – The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan provides the detail behind the broad goals for biking and walking in WTP.
- **What is the timeline?** This plan will be finalized over the next year in conjunction with WTP.
- **Is this a statewide plan or a plan for this committee?** This is a statewide plan involving all state agencies (e.g., Washington State Patrol, Washington Traffic Safety Commission, Department of Health, Department of Licensing) as well as local agencies and organizations.
- **What is the basis for the goals of increasing the percentage of biking and walking trips to 15% of all trips and decreasing the number of accidents by 10% and is it realistic?** This is a goal established and tracked by FHWA. The current mode share for bicycling and walking is approximately 5%, more in some cities. In other words, in Washington as many trips are made on bicycles and on foot as on transit, more in many areas.

When all comments from committee members had been discussed, Todd made a motion to forward the draft as revised by the committee to the State Transportation Commission for discussion at their October 19<sup>th</sup> Milestone Event. David Levinger seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

For a copy of the DRAFT Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan or to provide comments on the draft plan, visit the website at:

[http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/Sag\\_Wagon.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/bike/Sag_Wagon.htm)

## **Committee Worksession – All**

The committee chose to postpone the discussion of the Business Plan to the next meeting and move ahead with the annual election of officers. Mark Semrau nominated Todd Smith and Paula Reeves nominated David Levinger to serve as Chairperson. The committee appointed Todd as Chair and David as Vice-Chair.

## **Closing Comments**

Mark closed the meeting by setting the next meeting date as March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2005. He offered Bellingham as the location for the next meeting. Agenda items will include:

- WSDOT Events Policy and Process
- WTP and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
- Worksession to focus on the Business Plan for the Committee

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.